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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: CONGRESSIONAL QUERY

1. SINCE ACCURATE BUDGETARY STATISTICS IN LEBANON
DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN, THIS FIRST REPORT MUST BE FRAGMENTARY.

2. SUPPLY (ENFORCEMENT). CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF
NARCOTICS OFFENSES UNDER JURISDICTION NARCOTICS DIVISION
OF JUDICIAL POLICE. AS JUDICIAL POLICE FORM PART OF
INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES, CONSIDERED CLASSIFIED.
SO CLOSELY HELD THAT ESTIMATES NOT KNOWN EVEN TO POLICE
CAPTAIN IN CHARGE NARCOTICS DIVISION. WE BELIEVE OUR
EFFORTS OBTAIN DATA WILL EVENTUALLY BE SUCCESSFUL BUT
DO NOT ANTICIPATE RECEIPT FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. CUSTOMS
BUREAU ALSO INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. THEIR
EFFORTS, HOWEVER, INVOLVE DETECTION ALL FORMS CONTRABAND.
THUS, NO SEPARATE BUDGETARY FIGURES APPLY TO NARCOTICS
TRAFFIC PREVENTION.

3. DEMAND TREATMENT, REHABILITATION, PREVENTION).
GOL'S MAJOR PREVENTION EFFORTS CENTER ON US SUPPORTED
HASHISH CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO BEST
INFORMATION AVAILABLE, GOL CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAM
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VARIES FROM LEBANESE POUND 300,000 TO 500,000 (APPROXI-

MATELY \$130,000 TO 217,000) PER YEAR. MAJOR PORTION OF FUNDS ARE FOR CROP SUBSIDY PAYMENTS TO FARMERS, WHICH WILL VARY HIGHLY FROM YEAR TO YEAR IN VIEW DIFFERENCES IN CROP YIELD AND AGRICULTURAL PRICES.

4. GOL TREATMENT/REHABILITATION EFFORTS CONSIST OF HOSPITALIZATION OF PERSONS CONVICTED FOR "USE" (BUT NOT TRAFFICING IN) NARCOTICS, INCLUDING HASHISH. SUCH USERS USUALLY SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR TERMS AT ASFOURIEH HOSPITAL. WE ANTICIPATE RECEIPT INFO ON COSTS OF GOL BY END OF WEEK. GODLEY

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